

Security: Management Briefing

Why is security important?

Arson, malicious property damage, vandalism, loss of sensitive data, property loss and potential terrorism are all risks which can in part be controlled by adequate security measures. This will assist in protecting the company's business, its people and reputation.

Case Study - Arson

In 2011-2012 there were 32,500 deliberate fires recorded in England and Wales. With the incidence of arson expected to increase at times of economic downturn security measures against unauthorised access play an important part in any overall risk reduction strategy.

What are the key risk areas associated with security?

- Site access
- data and intellectual property theft
- pedestrian routes around site
- impact on the means of escape
- construction and refurbishment
- unauthorised visitors
- terrorism and bomb threats.

How should the risks be managed?

- Conduct a security review of the site
- consider the impact of arson on the business
- take into account the immediate and near neighbours
- determine whether neighbours or tenants are a potential target for civil unrest or direct action of some form
- have in place suitable emergency procedures or a business continuity plan
- consider the personal safety of security personnel
- ensure that security arrangements for staff who travel in the course of their business have been considered

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